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60/119,408 entitled "Identification Confirmation System" filed 10 February 1999, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/116,212 entitled "Identification Confirmation System" filed 19 January 1999, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/114,632 entitled "Identification Confirmation System" filed 04 January 1999, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/109,511 entitled "Biometric Writing Implement" filed 23 November 1998, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/088,498 entitled "Biometric Hotel and Casino Play" filed 08 June 1998, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/080,962 entitled "Biometric Hotel and Casino Play" filed 07 April 1998.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 2-19.

Please add the following new claims 20-51.

20. (New) A stylus for use as an identity verification device, the stylus being coupled to a processor, comprising:

a stylus body; and,

AD a sensor coupled to the stylus body, the sensor being adapted to capture a thumbprint of a user as a user finger touches the sensor coupled to the stylus body.

21. (New) A stylus, as set forth in claim 20, wherein the sensor is coupled to the processor, the processor being adapted to compare the captured thumbprint with a reference thumbprint to confirm user identity.